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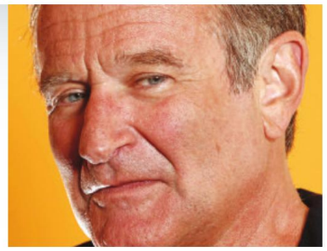
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COMICS REACT TO ROBIN WILLIAMS' DEATH

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Arrest made in killing of Ottawa man in Panama

He went missing in 2012. Family hires third private eye to find dad's killer



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After nearly a year and a half and no arrests, Ed Moynan's family had to take matters into their own hands when police couldn't find the person responsible for killing the Ottawa businessman in Panama and stuffing his body in a suitcase.

They've pleaded with the Canadian Embassy in Panama, with Panamanian police, and contacted missing persons groups in the past year and a half, but to no avail.

Moynan, 68, who owned Centennial Glass in Ottawa, went missing on Nov. 8, 2012, after a home invasion in the coastal city of Coronado, Panama, where he settled with his wife after retirement. In the spring of 2013, his remains were found in a suitcase near a park.

Moynan's daughter, Sandra Moynan-Longworth, said in an interview with Metro Tuesday she had to hire a private investigator because local police did nothing to help the family solve the homicide. But, Carlos Sanad Espino wasn't the first PI they had to hire.

"There's been three so far that we had to hire and this one finally is doing the job," she said.

On Friday, undercover officers arrested a suspect in the parking lot of a shopping mall in Coronado, according to a media report in Panama. The suspect, Ludwig Vico Pereira, is a 56-year-old Swiss national who is named on Interpol's Wanted Persons list for prosecution in Panama.

Pereira was Moynan's neighbour in Panama, said Moynan-Longworth. "He would come over for dinner twice a week," she said.

"It's just unbelievable that we have to deal with this.... It's awful and it's infuriating, frustrating."

Now that an arrest has been made, she wants to see justice served. She is pleading with the Panamanian government to conduct a full investigation and wants the Canadian Embassy to put pressure on local authorities to make sure it happens.



Ed Moynan, who had been living in Panama with his wife, went missing in November 2012 and was found dead in the spring of 2013. After nearly a year and a half and no real progress in the case, the family hired a private eye. On Friday, undercover officers finally arrested a suspect. CONTRIBUTED

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Marc Emery

Supporters light up as 'Prince of Pot' returns home

Canada's self-styled "Prince of Pot" has come home to a raucous welcome from supporters in Windsor, Ont., after serving his U.S. sentence for selling marijuana seeds to customers across the border.

Marc Emery crossed back into Canada from Detroit Tuesday. Emery, 56, was extradited to Seattle in May 2010 and he pleaded guilty to selling marijuana seeds from Canada to American customers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

25,000 racers

Canada Army Run sells out

Runners that do not yet have a spot in the 2014 Canada Army Run will have to train for next year's race instead.

This year's event in Ottawa on Sept. 21 has sold out, according to organizers. More than 25,000 people have signed up. Proceeds go towards the Military Families Fund and Soldier On. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

South-end Ottawa

Cops probe gas station robbery

Ottawa police are looking for help in identifying the suspect of a gas station robbery in the city's south end Monday. He was wearing a green fleece, blue jeans, white sneakers with a black Nike logo, a black bandana around his neck, black gloves and a bright blue baseball hat with dollar signs. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Local comics react to Robin Williams' death

Remembering a legend.
Late actor, comedian 'was one of the best'

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Comedian Mike MacDonald heard about the death of Robin Williams minutes before taking the stage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Robin Williams' apparent suicide Monday might have been a shock to millions of fans, but it wasn't a surprise to comedian Mike MacDonald, who learned of Williams' death minutes before performing in Nova Scotia.

The Ottawa comedian, who lived in Los Angeles, met Williams several times, usually backstage at gigs throughout the 1990s. Even then, MacDonald could see Williams struggling to mask his depression with manic humour.

"You meet the best and the worst people in this business, and Robin was one of the best," 59-year-old MacDonald recalls. "He was always manic. I don't think I ever saw him when he was down. He was always on. You could tell he was dealing with issues, but couldn't talk about it. The business won't let you because ... you're supposed to be up, happy, all the time."

Williams was found dead at his San Francisco Bay Area home Monday. He was 63.

MacDonald knows something about Williams' struggle with mental health. He too struggled with depression and suicidal tendencies after receiving his liver transplant in March 2013. He's now healthy, back on tour (in Nova Scotia) and hosts the annual Standup for Mental Health comedy show.

Speaking from his home in Los Angeles, another native of Ottawa, comedian Jon Dore, had met Williams many times and was genuinely surprised to hear of his passing. He remembered in particular one meeting backstage before a show in San Francisco.

"We were doing improv games and he was charming and excited to be there and to talk about the show with the other comedians," Dore said. "He didn't act like a star, he just wanted to hang out like everyone else. Learning of his passing is so genuinely sad, what else can it be? Bipolar and mental illness is so prevalent these days, it seems to be everywhere."

For more on Robin Williams, see pages 8 and 12.


Ottawa police officers survey the scene of the fatal collision. JOE LOFARO/METRO

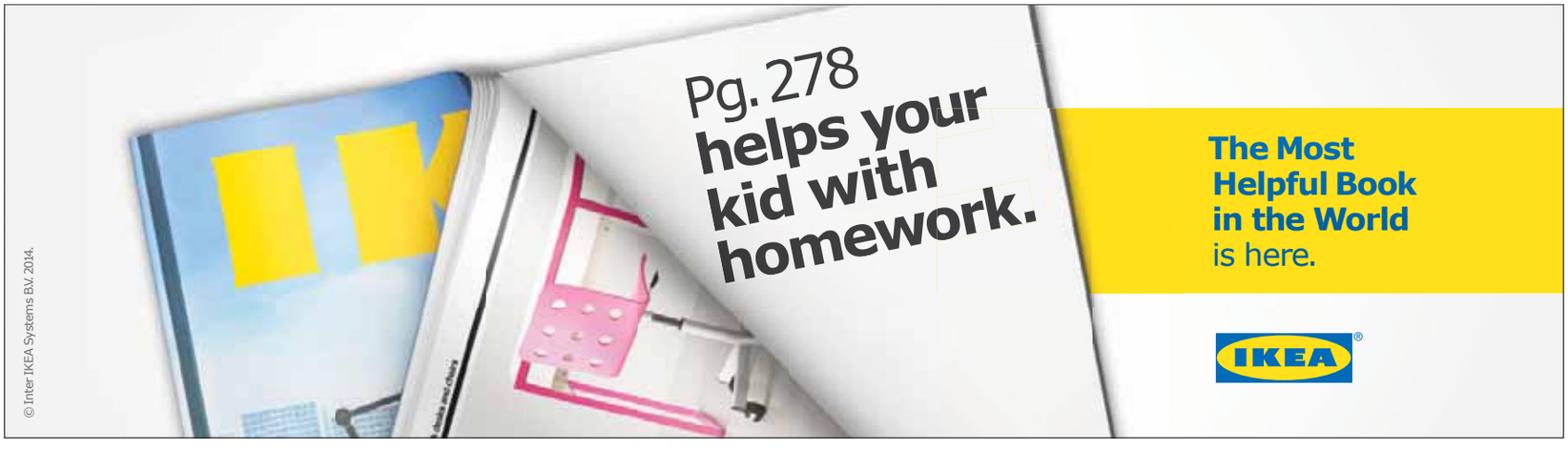
Accused in impaired driving case expected to enter guilty plea

A 20-year-old man is expected to enter a guilty plea later this month after allegedly driving drunk and killing another driver in downtown Ottawa last fall.

Alain Seguin, 54, had no vital signs after the crash near the intersection of Bank Street and Laurier Avenue on Oct. 2, 2013. He later died of his injuries in hospital.

Police charged Adam Prevost with impaired driving, criminal negligence causing death, and failure to provide a breath sample. His lawyer declined to comment on the case Tuesday or say whether Prevost will plead guilty to all or some of the charges. The plea deal means the court could avoid a lengthy trial.

The Honda Civic allegedly had run a red light and was travelling at a high speed before the crash, according to court documents. JOE LOFARO/METRO



RuPaul's drag queens to battle it out at Capital Pride Week

'Time of their lives.'
The four top winners from this season's iconic diva TV series will be at the Marion Dewar Plaza on Aug. 23 for a glamorous night out



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Big wigs, glitter cannons and the most fabulous drag queens according to RuPaul.

Capital Pride Week may be known for its parade party, but this year, RuPaul's Drag Race Battle of the Seasons will be a hot contender for the must-see events between Aug. 15 and 24.

The four top winners from this season's iconic diva TV series — including first-place finisher Bianca Del Rio — will be at the Marion Dewar Plaza on Aug. 23 for a glamorous night out. The drag queens have sold out shows in Vancouver and Toronto, but this will be their first stop in the nation's capital.

"It's the quintessential girls' night out," said Sebastien Provost, executive producer of House of SAS, who's producing this year's Capital Pride Week. "All the young gay boys are going to be there and they're going to be going nuts and then all the girls and their girlfriends are going to ditch their husbands at home with the children and they're going to drink sangria and they're going to have the time of their lives."

(Unfortunately, there's no chance of seeing the drag superstar; RuPaul is a bit pricey for Capital Pride.)

RuPaul's Drag Race Battle is one way Provost plans to bring Ottawa's pride week to the "next level" and on par with Toronto and Montreal's events. It's also a means of uniting the city's gay and straight communities, considering the show has a "massive" following from both groups, said Provost.

As for parade day on Aug. 24, there will be no live bands, but Grammy Award-winning DJ Hex Hector will be headlining the stage. DJ Mark Anthony, credited with building up Montreal's house scene in the 1980s, will also spin a set.

The parade and party start at Gladstone Avenue and Bank Street at 1 p.m.

Capital Pride Week organizers are already planning for next year's big 30th anniversary bash.

While details are still preliminary, organizers say they have already secured entertainment investors for the big event. The festival is one of the longest-standing of its kind in Canada.

For more information, visit capitalpride.ca.



Manila Luzon, a past contender on TV series RuPaul's Drag Race, will glam it up at Ottawa City Hall during Capital Pride Week on Aug. 23. CONTRIBUTED

Milano Pizza slicing up gourmet pies for charity

Considered by some foodies as the Rodney Dangerfield of cuisine, the lowly pizza is about to get the respect it deserves.

The mainstay munchie of Friday nights is going upscale when the Milano Pizza chain starts offering new gourmet pizzas designed by 12 of Ottawa's top chefs to raise about $40,000 for charity over the next year.

Already underway as of Aug. 4, Milano Pizza is featuring a new and original gourmet pizza, created by a celebrity chef, at all of its 33 restaurants throughout the Ottawa Valley. The yearlong promotion began last week with the addition of Steph "The Grilling Gourmet" Legari's Southern Black Pepper Chicken Gourmet Pizza for August.

Then, every month, the chain will replace it with a new gourmet pizza, designed by one of the esteemed panel of 12 fabulous foodies, including resident chef of the prime minister Tim Wasylko; the bestselling author of Live the Smart Way and North America's leading expert on gluten-free living, chef Kathy Smart; chef and professor of the culinary arts at Algonquin College Patrick Kostiw and eight others to be named later.

They have all taken on the challenge to design the best gourmet pizza. At the end of the promotion, the most popular entry will be added to the regular menu.



From left, Steph "The Grilling Gourmet" Legari, Milano Pizza president Mazen Kassis, Milano vice-president Mike Tabaja and executive chef of the prime minister's residence Tim Wasylko are gearing up for a year of gourmet pizza making. CONTRIBUTED

With a fundraising target of $3,000 a month, Milano president Mazen Kassis expects the new pizzas will be popular with customers. A portion of the sale of every one will go to the charity of the chef's choice.

Quoted

"We're working with some of the top chefs in the business to create something new in pizza, something couples could have as a part of an elegant dinner."
Milano president Mazen Kassis

Milano's intention here is twofold: In addition to raising money for the charity, it hopes to stir up excitement and move their product slightly upscale by offering something new, something you can't get anywhere else: a line of gourmet pizzas.

"We're working with some of the top chefs in the business to create something new in pizza, something couples could have as a part of an elegant dinner," said Kassis. "We're thinking that the pizza deserves respect, that it's something a top chef would want to make."

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This February 1950 photo shows Lauren Bacall with her husband, actor Humphrey Bogart, at the Stork Club in New York. Bacall, the sultry-voiced actress and Bogart's partner off and on the screen, died Tuesday in New York. She was 89. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Silver-screen legend Lauren Bacall dead at 89

1924-2014. Star of stage and screen, and Humphrey Bogart's partner on and off the screen, was among the last of the old-school Hollywood stars

Lauren Bacall, the slinky, sultry-voiced actress who created on-screen magic with Humphrey Bogart in To Have and Have Not and The Big Sleep and off-screen magic in one of Hollywood's most storied marriages, died Tuesday at age 89.

Bacall, whose long career brought two Tonys and a special Oscar, died in New York. The managing partner of the Humphrey Bogart Estate, Robbert J.F. de Klerk, said that Bacall died at home, but declined to give further details. Bacall's son Stephen Bogart confirmed his mother's death to de Klerk.

She was among the last of the old-fashioned Hollywood stars and her legend, and the legend of "Bogie and Bacall" — the hard-boiled couple who could fight and make up with the best of them — started almost from the moment she appeared on screen. A fashion model and bit-part New York actress before moving to Hollywood at 19, Bacall achieved immediate fame in 1944 with one scene in her first film, To Have and Have Not.

Leaving Bogart's hotel room, she murmured: "You don't have to say anything, and you don't have to do anything. Not a thing. Oh, maybe just whistle. You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve? You just put your lips together and blow."

She was less than half Bogart's age, yet as wise and as jaded as him. Her sly glance, with chin down and eyes raised, added to her fame; she was nicknamed "The Look." Bogart and Bacall married amid headlines in 1945, and they co-starred in three more films, The Big Sleep (1946), Dark Passage (1947) and Key Largo (1948). Their marriage lasted until Bogart's death from cancer in 1957.

She appeared in movies for more than a half-century, but not until 1996 did she receive an Academy Award nomination — as supporting actress for The Mirror Has Two Faces. She lost to Juliette Binoche.

She finally got a statuette in November 2009 when she was presented with a special Oscar at the movie academy's new Governors Awards gala.

"The thought when I get home that I'm going to have a two-legged man in my room is so exciting," she quipped.

When the American Film Institute compiled its list of screen legends in 1999, Bacall ranked No. 20 on the roster of 25 actresses. Bogart topped the list of actors.

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Ebola outbreak in Africa.
Use of untested treatments called ethical by WHO

The use of untested Ebola treatments to help quell the current outbreak in West Africa is ethical, the World Health Organization said Tuesday.

But the Geneva-based global health agency said countries that use experimental treatments have a moral obligation to collect data so the world can learn what works — and which treatments to stop using, if any turn out to be unsafe.

The statement came following a daylong meeting Monday of an expert panel that the WHO convened to advise it on the thorny ethical issues of using experimental drugs in this outbreak. It was composed of ethicists — including University of Toronto professor Dr. Ross Upshur — a representative of a patient advocacy group and others.

While the statement may clear the way for additional use of experimental Ebola products, it made no reference to the fact that there are barely any supplies of any of them in stock. Making clinical-grade experimental drugs is costly, and in the early stages of drug development, companies generally only make small batches.

On Monday afternoon, LeafBio of San Diego, Calif., the company developing ZMapp, the product given to two American workers who contracted Ebola in Liberia, said it had exhausted its supply, components of which were created at Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

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Panda triplets born in China

Triplet panda cubs rest in an incubator Tuesday at the Chimelong Safari Park in Guangzhou, China. China announced Tuesday the birth of the extremely rare triplets in a further success for the country's artificial breeding program. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Egypt presents plan to end Gaza conflict: Officials

Deadline for current ceasefire looms.
Plan leaves room for negotiation later on

Egypt presented a proposed ceasefire to Israel and Hamas aimed at ending the month-long war, Palestinian officials said early Wednesday after negotiators huddled for a second day of talks.

Palestinian officials told The Associated Press Wednesday that Egypt's proposal calls for an easing to parts of the Israeli blockade of Gaza. Key areas of disagreement, however, including the Islamic militant group Hamas' demand for a full lifting of the blockade and Israeli calls for Hamas to disarm, are left to later negotiations.

The Palestinian officials spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to discuss the negotiations with the media.

One of the Palestinian officials who spoke to AP said that according to the Egyptian proposal, the blockade would be lifted gradually over time.

He said it would stipulate that Israel would end airstrikes on militants, and a 500-metre buffer zone next to the Gaza and Israel frontier would be reduced over time.

The Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams retired after 10 hours of discussions and resume the talks on Wednesday, the officials said. The current ceasefire is set to expire at midnight. It was not immediately clear if either side would accept the deal.

"The talks are difficult but serious," wrote Moussa Abu Marzouk, head of the Hamas delegation, on his Facebook page.

Another member of the Palestinian delegation reported Israel had offered a number of gestures aimed at improving life for Gaza's residents, including an increase in the number of trucks permitted to deliver goods into the territory from Israel each day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Casualties

The month-long Gaza war has killed more than 1,900 Palestinians, the majority of them civilians, according to Palestinian and UN officials. In Israel, 67 people have been killed — of those, all but three have been soldiers.



Petition urges arrest of 'ivory kingpin' of Kenya

In this 2013 photo, a Maasai boy and his dog stand near the skeleton of an elephant killed by poachers outside of Arusha, Tanzania. On Tuesday, Wildlife Direct chief executive Paula Kahumbu delivered a petition with nearly 400 signatures to Kenya's inspector general of police urging the arrest of what her group says is the "ivory kingpin" of Kenya.

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Scrutiny

Aid must be delivered by Red Cross, Ukraine says

With a theatrical flourish, Russia on Tuesday dispatched hundreds of trucks covered in white tarps and sprinkled with holy water on a mission to deliver aid to a desperate rebel-held zone in eastern Ukraine.

The televised sight of the miles-long convoy sparked a show of indignation from the government in Kyiv, which insisted any aid must be delivered by the international Red Cross. Ukraine and the West have openly expressed concern that Moscow intends to use the cover of a humanitarian operation to embark on a military incursion in support of pro-Russia separatists.

Officials with both the International Committee of the Red Cross and Ukraine's government said, however, that they had no information about what the trucks were carrying or where they were headed. A Ukrainian security spokesman said the convoy was being managed by the Russian army and could not be allowed into the country.

The government in Kyiv said the Russian trucks could unload their contents at the border and transfer the aid to vehicles leased by the ICRC. Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that the convoy hit the road only after Ukraine had given the green light. "We have received a note expressing the Ukrainian side's readiness to accept the aid." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Apparent suicide

Authorities say Williams was found by assistant

Authorities detailed Robin Williams' final moments Tuesday, saying the actor and comedian hanged himself with a belt in his San Francisco Bay Area home.

Marin County Sheriff's Lt. Keith Boyd said Williams was last seen alive by his wife Sunday night when she went to bed. She woke up the next morning and left, thinking he was still asleep.

Afterward, Williams' personal assistant came to the Tiburon home and became concerned when Williams failed to respond to knocks at a door. The assistant found the actor dead in a bedroom and called police. Boyd said all evidence indicates Williams took his own life. But he said a final ruling will be made once toxicology reports and interviews with witnesses are complete.

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'I was shameful': Robin Williams' longtime battle with addiction

'It lays in wait.' Beloved actor and comedian was found dead in his San Francisco Bay Area home on Monday



A sign is written in chalk at a makeshift memorial on Tuesday in Boulder, Colo., outside the home where the '80s TV series Mork & Mindy, starring the late Robin Williams, was set. BRENNAN LINSLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Addiction seemed to stalk Robin Williams, tempting him when he was weak and taunting him when he least expected it.

"It lays in wait for the time when you think, 'It's fine now, I'm OK,'" he told Good Morning America in 2006. "Then, the next thing you know, it's not OK. Then you realize, 'Where am I? I didn't realize I was in Cleveland.'"

Williams, the comic whirlwind known for his hilarious stream-of-consciousness ramblings, was found dead Monday after the 63-year-old hanged himself in his San Francisco Bay Area home.

On film, he played everything from a genie to a psychiatrist. In life, he battled periodic bouts of substance abuse and depression, opening up about them to journalists with self-deprecating wit and making his struggles fuel for his comedy.

"Cocaine for me was a place to hide," he told People in 1988.

One of his first wake-up calls was in 1982 when fellow comedian John Belushi died of a fatal drug overdose. Williams briefly partied with the Saturday Night Live star the night he died and his friend's passing coupled with impending fatherhood forced the comedian to quit cocaine and alcohol cold turkey.

Sobriety lasted 20 years. Then the taunts became overwhelming again. He told Parade magazine in 2013 that his relapse after two decades of sobriety was frighteningly simple.

"One day I walked into a store and saw a little bottle of Jack Daniel's.... I drank it, and there was that brief moment of 'Oh, I'm OK!' But it escalated so quickly."

Williams continued his recovery by attending weekly AA meetings. But his second marriage, to film producer Marsha Garces, ended in 2008 — largely because of his drinking.

"You know, I was shameful, and you do stuff that causes disgust, and that's hard to recover from."

Recently, a new bout of depression prompted the actor to enter rehab. His publicist, Mara Buxbaum, said at the time that Williams made the decision because he needed to recharge after working for 18 months straight. On Monday, the struggle ended. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More coverage

Richard Crouse looks at the best movie moments from Robin Williams' career, page 12.

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Blair files suit on Doug Ford

Doug Ford. Toronto top cop Bill Blair has filed a defamation suit against the older brother of Mayor Rob Ford

Toronto's police chief has filed a defamation notice against Mayor Rob Ford's brother for comments the city councillor made earlier this month.

Doug Ford suggested two weeks ago that Chief Bill Blair helped leak information that police were preparing to subpoena the mayor in an ongoing investigation as "payback," although he declined to elaborate on what he meant.

At the time, Blair said Ford was lying and warned he was prepared to take legal action.

Toronto police spokesman Mark Pugash said the defamation notice was handed to the councillor on Monday night.

"What the notice specifies is a public retraction and apology in a forum to be agreed (upon) beforehand by Chief Blair," he said. "There's no mention of money at all in the document."

Pugash added the legal action is being pursued by Blair personally, and doesn't involve taxpayer money.

"The next step is with the councillor," Pugash said.

Doug Ford said Tuesday that the issue was with his lawyers and refused to answer questions directly about whether he would apologize to Blair.

"There is no lawsuit as far as I know," he said.

At a news conference at his campaign headquarters, Mayor Ford said he couldn't comment on the matter.

"The issue is between the chief and my brother," he said.

On Aug. 1, the Toronto Star cited sources saying police were preparing to subpoena the mayor to testify at a preliminary hearing for his friend Alessandro (Sandro) Lisi, who is facing drug and extortion charges.

Doug Ford blamed the apparent leak on Blair, calling it politically motivated.

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Doug Ford, right, leads Toronto Mayor Rob Ford out of the studio following the City TV mayoral debate in Toronto in this March file photo. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

StatsCan error

New jobs report expected Friday

A cloud of doubt settled over Canada's dismal July jobs numbers Tuesday as Statistics Canada announced it made an error in formulating the figures.

Corrected data will be released Friday, one week after the agency reported a measly 200 positions were created in July — a number that fell woefully short of expectations and left the Conservative government reeling.

"We had an independent analyst that was working on something else and by comparing numbers, he signalled to us something after the release of the data," Sylvie Michaud, director general at the education, labour and income branch of Statistics Canada, said in an interview.

"So we investigated and we've been able to isolate the error. We know where it happened in the process, so we're rerunning all the tables to prepare for another release this Friday."

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Plant waters rule in grocery aisles

Why the new thirst?
Nutrition expert believes trend driven by interest in natural alternatives to soda

Coconut water, maple water, even birch and cactus waters…. A quick inventory of beverages in the produce section makes it clear — plant waters are rising.

Soda and non-fresh juice sales are flat or slipping slightly, but plant-based products like coconut water — along with other alternative beverages such as kombucha and tea-based drinks — are growing, particularly those sold alongside your fruits and veggies, according to data compiled by market research firm Nielsen.

Introduced several years ago, coconut water has been big for a while. Maple water is a newer entry and is essentially maple sap, the stuff that normally is boiled down to syrup. Brands include Vertical Water and SEVA. And that's not the only tree water on the market. There's also birch water and, on the plant side, cactus, barley and artichoke waters.

Sales of all waters, including the new products, "fitness" and enhanced waters, as well as regular sparkling and still, grew four per cent by value and nearly seven per cent by volume since July 2013.

Coconut water is not yet being tracked specifically, but totals for beverages in the produce department, which is where much coconut water is sold, showed double-digit growth. The value jump for all produce section beverages — which includes smoothies, fresh juices and teas as well as water — was nearly 13 per cent.



Why the sudden thirst? Nutrition expert and registered dietitian Tina Ruggiero sees it as a trend driven by the beverage industry's desire to find the next big thing, as well as consumers' interest in finding natural alternatives to soda. "This natural beverage market just presents a tremendous opportunity," she says. "There is a fight to create the next bestselling natural water."

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American airport taking greener route to solving deadly bird-strikes problem

An Ohio airport is experimenting with a new, gentler way to avoid bird strikes: planting tall prairie grass. Heavy birds like Canada geese — which caused US Airways Flight 1549 to force-land in the Hudson River in 2009 in the so-called Miracle on the Hudson — are believed to avoid long grasses because they fear predators might be hiding within. Dayton International Airport hopes to complete planting the tall prairie grass under the takeoff and landing paths by the end of this year. PHIL INGLIS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Home decor trio

Retailers looking for white knight

Retailers Bombay & Co., Bowring & Co. and Benix & Co. are operating under court protection from creditors while their owners look for a buyer or partner to help them survive severe cash shortage and debt.

Bombay has 55 furnishings stores and Bowring has 57 housewares stores across Canada. Benix closed its final store in June. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Target Canada

New boss would like to take it slow

After a fumbled launch last year, Target Canada executives are making changes in prices and products they hope will undo the damage.

The newly appointed president for Canada, Mark Schindele, said the company was too ambitious when it launched 124 stores over a 12-month period starting in March 2013. "It was too much in too short a window."

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Market Minute

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Skip food to pay taxes?

A new study says the average Canadian family is spending more on taxes than on food, shelter and clothing combined.

The Fraser Institute study says that in 2013, the average Canadian family earned $77,381 and paid $32,369 in total taxes — or 41.8 per cent of income — compared with 36.1 per cent for food, shelter and clothing combined.

By comparison, in 1961 the average family earned about $5,000 and spent 56.5 per cent of its income on food, shelter and clothing, while $1,675 went to taxes (33.5 per cent).

Tax pain gain

1,832%

The Fraser Institute says that since 1961, the average Canadian family's total tax bill has increased by 1,832 per cent, moving past increases in shelter costs (1,375 per cent), clothing (620 per cent) and food (546 per cent).

The study says the total tax bill represents both visible and hidden taxes paid to the federal, provincial and local governments. This includes income taxes, payroll taxes, health taxes, sales taxes, property taxes, fuel taxes, vehicle taxes, import taxes and alcohol and tobacco taxes.

The Fraser Institute says with more money going to the government, families have less for their spending priorities, less savings for education and retirement, and for paying down debt.

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ROBIN WILLIAMS: HIS LAST, TRAGIC IMPROV



JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan
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Robin Williams was the greatest comedian who ever lived.

I don't think there's any doubt (fire) about that.

But that may be the most heartbreaking sentence I've ever written because of the "was."

Robin Williams killed himself Monday, and I would like to believe that before he did it, he went through one last funny little monologue in his head about killing yourself on a Monday.

Maybe he wove a spell of threads and ideas about Stormy Monday or how the Geldof family didn't like Mondays either or how — here's the point — Tuesday's just the same. And faced with that, he killed himself.

It's impossible to believe that, no matter how depressed or addicted or stressed or whatever he was, his magnificent, improvising mind ever failed to rise to the challenge of the material, even if it was his own death at his own hand.

I didn't know Robin Williams, but he spoke to me. He spoke to me as Mrs. Doubtfire, as Mork from Ork, as Peter Pan vs. Hook. As that ridiculous penguin in Happy Feet. He spoke to me as Oliver Sacks in Awakenings or Dr. Sean Maguire in Good Will Hunting, as Adrian Cronauer in …

Goooooooooo Morning Vietnam!

He spoke to me as the raving, brilliant, preposterous standup comedian who, with Craig Ferguson as his accomplice, could spend 12 minutes wringing all the comic possibilities out of the word "chlamydia." Even better, he could make golf funny in ways Bob Hope never imagined.

He spoke to me as the virtuoso genie from Aladdin, the high-water mark of Disney animation.

Most of all, regardless of the role, he spoke the truth. No one was more subversive than Robin Williams because he was immune to censorship. He was too funny. He made the censors laugh.

He couldn't help himself. He'd turn up on one of those cookie-cutter late-night talk shows where everyone is all glib charm, and turn his guest spot, sandwiched between commercials, into a tour de force of the truth. Whatever the topic — sex, acting, addiction (especially his own) — he made it real. And very funny.

He couldn't help himself: No one could stop him, so he stopped himself. So in the wake of the most glorious noise, the silence is deafening.

Except for this: a scene from the 1989 movie Dead Poets Society, where Williams is John Keating, an idealistic young teacher who brings the truth of poetry to young men at an uptight boarding school. Keats is quoting Whitman: "'Oh me! Oh life! Of the questions of these recurring. Of the endless trains of the faithless, of cities fill'd with the foolish. What good amid these, O me, O life? Answer. That you are here — that life exists and identity. That the powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse.'

"What will your verse be?"

Thank you, Robin, for asking the question, even if the answer escaped your grasp.

FOR SALE



Boon Island Light Station sits in the Gulf of Maine about six miles off the coast of York, Maine.
JEREMY D'ENTREMONT/U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lighthouse could maybe still be yours … if you dare

The U.S. government says it will push back the closing time of an auction on New England's tallest lighthouse.

The Boon Island Light Station is up for auction until Wednesday. Ten bidders have made offers with a top bid of $41,000 US. It may be extended again.

Talk of building a lighthouse on Boon Island dates back as early as 1710 when a ship ran aground on the barren outcrop that makes up the island. The crew were forced to resort to cannibalism before being rescued.

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Island living

"Eight or nine miles out, in plain sight, Boon Island lifts its solitary shaft aloft like an 'eternal exclamation mark' to the temerity of its builders. There is no comfortable dwelling on that lonely rock, over which storms sweep unchecked. The tower is itself both house and home to the watchmen of the sea, and in great gales a prison from which there is no escape until the return of fine weather." **Samuel Adams Drake,** writing in The Pine Tree Coast, 1891

Selling points?

- **Location location location.** It is located on the tiny, inhospitable Boon Island.
- **Private.** The lighthouse is one of the most isolated stations off the Maine coast.

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Discover Pyongyang



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Toronto-born JT Singh teamed up with flow-motion videographer Rob Whitworth and tour operator Koryo Tours to provide a rather stunning look at a day in the life of Pyongyang, North Korea. Obviously, there are some extremely tight restrictions on filming in North Korea — even in the showcase capital — and the people involved in the project were dutifully watched over by guides employed by a shockingly cruel reign. But glimpses into North Korea are still very rare, especially ones so beautifully shot. (JT Singh/Vimeo)



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‘O Captain! My Captain!’

Shazbot. Remembering the wildly funny and outsized talent of Robin Williams who has us all standing on our desks



IN FOCUS
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The first time I saw Robin Williams was on 90 Minutes Live with Peter Gzowski, a Canadian late–night talk show that aired from 1976 to 1978. Thirty five years later I can still remember the frantic burst of energy that emanated from my television late that Friday night.

Gzowski grinned as the comic careened through their chat, jumping from joke to joke, impression to impression, including Williams’s take on the world’s most intelligent child. “I find most adults very banal, but I’ll talk to you, anyway.”

“Where did you get that character from?” Gzowski asked, “Was it based on anyone?”

“Me, basically. As a kid.”

“Were you brilliant as a child?”

“Yes, and as a young man, too,” replied the impish 27-year-old.

The standup comedians I had seen on television wore suits and told one-liners. This was stream of consciousness, a wild look at a comedic mind that didn’t work the way I was accustomed to them working. For six minutes it felt like an alien had taken control of my TV, a life force like I had never seen before.

Appropriately enough, soon afterward he appeared as Mork, the E.T. from Ork, on Happy Days and his career was officially launched.

For the next 35 years, Williams was a constant on our screens, big and small. His first starring role in a movie, 1980’s Popeye, was met with critical scorn and weak box office, but Roger Ebert had praise for the star, calling William’s “perpetual squint and lopsided smile” completely convincing.

Moving from strength to strength he embarked on a remarkable run of films, earning the first of three Best Actor Oscar nods for Good Morning, Vietnam and winning an Academy Award for his work as an empathetic therapist in Good Will Hunting. A handful of Golden Globes celebrated his work in Good Morning, Vietnam, The Fisher King and Mrs. Doubtfire.

He leaves behind a diverse legacy from the laughs of The Birdcage to the drama of Awakenings to the chills of One Hour Photo, the seize-the-day uplift of Dead Poets Society and the ad-libbed brilliance of Aladdin. Every decade since that appearance on 90 Minutes Live has given us a memorable Williams performance, and he will live, on the screen at least, with three more films scheduled for release this year and next.

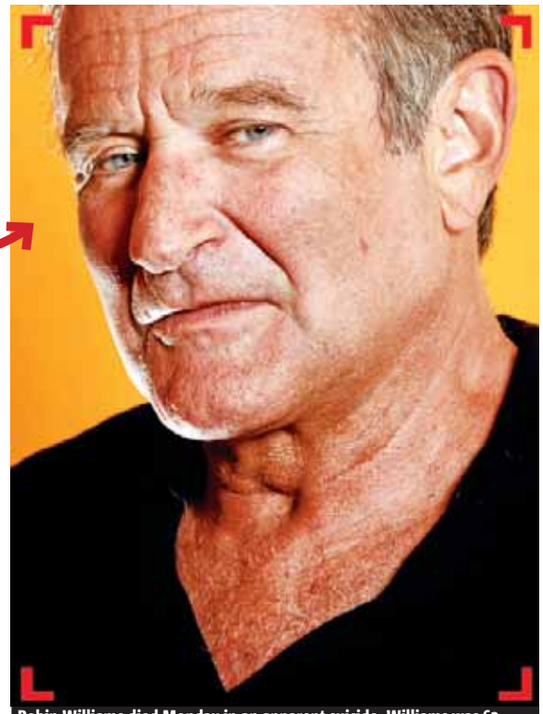
Everyone has a favourite Robin Williams character. For me its Parry, the treasure hunter in The Fisher King. It’s a funny, bittersweet performance in a movie that mixes fantasy and reality in equal doses. “I’m a knight on a special quest,” Parry says, words that could apply to Williams’s crusade to entertain in weird and wonderful ways.

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Robin Williams died Monday in an apparent suicide. Williams was 63.
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Always on a crusade to entertain

“I’m a knight on a special quest.”

Robin Williams as Parry, the treasure hunter in The Fisher King



Sly's final countdown isn't coming soon

Rocky road. Age ain't nothin' but a number for our favourite action hero, unless the Teletubbies are on TV



NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood



Antonio Banderas and Sylvester Stallone share a laugh on the set of Expendables 3. HANDOUT

As head Expendable, Sylvester Stallone has never been one for too much humility, and given the success of his Grumpy Old Men with Guns franchise, he has no need to be. That can lead to some pretty impressive statements from Sly. Here are some of our favourites from his Expendables 3 press tour.

On whether he has considered retirement

"Why? I'm not ready to sit at home and play with Pomeranians 12 hours a day," he insists. "I'm just not ready. Remember in old Vaudeville, there was a cane that came out and snatched you off the stage? Well, I'm waiting for that. Until they just hook me off the stage, that's it."

On working with new, younger cast members

"I remember the first time I came out here. I was like these guys," Stallone ruminates. "I get on the elevator and there's Paul Newman. And you're not prepared for it. You think you're prepared for it. And then you wonder if they feel the same way about us. I'm sure they do."

On the departure of Bruce Willis from the franchise

"What happened with Bruce Willis? Well, things didn't work out and then Harrison Ford came along," Stallone explains. "It's just the way it is. It's nothing personal. It sounded like it got personal and I'm sorry it did sound that way, but it was just actors talking and things move on."

Going to the dogs

"I'm not ready to sit at home and play with Pomeranians 12 hours a day."

Sylvester Stallone on saying no to retirement

On opening opposite Sin City: a Dame to Kill For, which features Willis

"Oh, Sin City?" Stallone laughs. "I must crush you."

On aging in general

"Age is a state of 'old' mind. It gets to a point where if you get old enough you forget how old you are, and that's the best thing," he says. "You walk around, kind of like in a fog. So you really don't know how old you are until you find yourself watching The Teletubbies drunk one night and you're like, 'I'm really f—ed up.'



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The Word

Paris not as bright as the button she's pushing to rake in $347K/hr



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Are Paris Hilton's retweets a form of protest or a sign of total self-delusion? Asking for a friend.

OK, here's the deal: Word spread quickly this week about how much the hotel heiress and sex-tape entrepreneur pulls down for her work as a DJ in Ibiza this summer — and she's pulling down a lot.

"She's making $2.7 million from the four nights — $347,000 an hour," a source tells the Sun. "The crowds do seem to enjoy it, but most are too off their faces to care that she's simply pressed play on a Beyoncé mega-mix."

Or maybe their expectations of Hilton's abilities are so low that they're actually blown away by her button-pressing abilities.

But that's beside the point.

As versions of this story have been popping up online, Hilton has been actively retweeting them in a seeming act of braggadocio.

Here's the thing, though: She seems to be missing the point that this is not being reported as a good thing.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Emma a Stone's throw from replacing Michelle Williams in Cabaret

Emma Stone is reportedly set to take over for Michelle Williams on Broadway in Cabaret according to one of the cattiest sources ever to talk to Radar Online. "Emma is replacing Michelle in Cabaret at the end of November," the sneering secret-spiller says. "Producers are hoping it helps make them back their investment and stay open for another extension because Michelle didn't do the box office they were hoping for." Damn, girl. Anything else? Yes, actually: Apparently director Sam Mendes didn't even want Williams in the first place. "(Stone) was Sam Mendes' first choice, but had to drop out because Sony wouldn't accommodate the dates with Spider-Man 2."



Emma Stone



Kate Upton

Kate Upton puts a Tiger in her tank, and the Yankees call dibs

Kate Upton is learning the hard way that not everyone is a fan of her new relationship with Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander — namely the New York Yankees. The self-proclaimed "really big Yankees fan" has caught plenty of flak from the team since hooking up with Verlander. "They specifically told me, the Yankees told me, 'You're not allowed to wear a Tigers hat. You're not allowed to wear any Tigers gear.' It's like a bad breakup," Upton said while sitting in as a guest host on Live with Kelly and Michael. "I'm sleeping with the enemy."

Ashton nixes all-natural birth for Mila

Start prepping those Ashton Kutcher/Mila Kunis birth announcements, folks, because it looks like we're in the home stretch. "She is scheduled to be delivering in less than one month and she cannot wait," a source tells the National Enquirer. And if that's not too much information for you, how about this? "Mila was going to do an all-natural birth with no medications or sedatives, but she has been advised against this because she is such a small girl," the source adds. "Ashton will not accept this and refuses to see her in pain."



Mila Kunis ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

There will be no Roman for disgraced Polanski

Roman Polanski has elected to sit out this week's Locarno Film Festival in Switzerland, where he was set to receive a lifetime achievement award, present his latest film and teach a master class on directing. The decision comes after Polanski's planned attendance sparked outrage from those still calling for the Chinatown director's return to the U.S. to face 40-year-old statutory rape charges. "It is with a heavy heart that I must cancel my visit," Polanski said in a statement. Festival organizers, for their part, called the protests to Polanski's inclusion "unacceptable interference of some in the artistic liberty of the festival."



Roman Polanski

How-to

Shop for the right luggage

1. Decide if you prefer soft or hard cases.
2. Veer away from too many outer pockets, which are too tempting for handlers in shadier airports. Zippers and tags can also catch on your clothes or on other bags on the carousel.
3. Never buy the lowest-priced model. It will be the flimsiest and wear out faster.
4. You probably don't need all three sizes of the same case.
5. Only buy bags that come with a good warranty.



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HEYS INTERNATIONAL

Trend

Bye-bye room service

TIM STEWART



Full steak meals on a silver platter? Not anymore. As fewer travellers seem to care about room service (research puts the amenity at only 1 per cent of hotel revenue), more hotels are opting out. Some hotels are teaming up with nearby eateries to drum up unique ways to feed the masses, with many offering a grab-and-go service. The Hilton chain is credited with getting this ball rolling. Their Waikiki Beach location lets guests order food online or via phone app. New York's Hudson Hotel and the Public Chicago both offer interesting brown-bag options. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Deal

2-for-1 Broadway tickets



This is so exciting you may just wet your velvet chair. Twenty-one top Broadway shows are offering 2-for-1 tickets Sept. 1 to 14 during Broadway Week. This year, new shows such as The Country House, This Is Our Youth and You Can't Take It With You will be joining award-winning productions Aladdin, Cabaret, Les Misérables and more. This half-price deal beats standing in line all afternoon at the TKTS booth when you could be shopping. On sale Aug. 18. Visit this website: www.nycgo.com/broadwayweek DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Atlantic City: Not just for gamblers anymore

City tries to woo gay tourists

As the New Jersey resort town of Atlantic City struggles to find a new identity and new sources of revenue, the city is once again wooing gay tourists with vigour.

Atlantic City is planning a series of events to attract gay tourists, who are becoming an increasingly important part of the resort's growth strategy.

"Atlantic City had its heyday with the gay population on New York Avenue," said the city's openly gay mayor Don Guardian earlier this year. "This is where you came when you wanted to have a good time. Straight people came to these places, too, because they wanted to party and dance in the hottest clubs."

But when casino gambling began in 1978, soaring land prices pushed out many small gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses.

Events aimed at the gay community this year include the StandOUT Expo, a networking event in September for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual community, and the Miss'd America Pageant, a drag spoof of the famous pageant, also in September. The mayor also dedicated a gay-friendly beach in Atlantic City at Park Place near Bally's, but says the entire city is gay-friendly.

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Summer trip

Hitting the road in Nova Scotia



ON THE MOVE
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Often missed by travellers who exit and enter Nova Scotia via the TransCanada Highway, the Sunrise Trail is a secondary driving route that hugs the province's northern coast. Stretching from the New Brunswick border through to Cape Breton, it is a diversion well worth taking.

Play

Most coastal areas of Nova Scotia offer a refreshingly chilly swim at best, whereas the waters of the Northumberland Strait benefit from the flow of the Gulf Stream current. Locals proudly boast that these are "the warmest waters north of the Carolinas." Numerous beaches offer public access: Heather Beach located near Port Howe is a good choice for its extensive sandy beach and facilities. Golfers will be delighted to discover a range of first-class golf courses along the route, including the Fox Harb'r Golf Resort & Spa. This stunning seaside resort boasts a private landing strip for planes and a luxury yacht. A more budget-friendly option is the Northumberland Links course in the town of Pugwash. This course is a favourite of singer Anne Murray.

Eat & Drink

Located in Malagash, Jost Winery is one of the leaders in the burgeoning Nova Scotia wine industry. Stop by for a free tour and tasting. Sample the Ceilidh Marechal Foch for a taste of wine made solely with Nova Scotia grapes. If suds are more your style, swing by the Tatamagouche Brewing Company for a swig of their organic beers. Or try Whirligigs Café in Wallace or the Sandpiper in Port Howe. Order the seafood chowder. It's a safe bet along this route.

Stay

The most charming spot on the coast has to be the Amherst Shore Country Inn. Located halfway between Amherst and Pugwash and set on a knoll overlooking the water, this inn has set a high standard in the area for more than 25 years. Book a room or one of the standalone cottages dotted along the shore.



The scenery is worth the drive along the Sunrise Trail. LOREN CHRISTIE



Atlantic City takes a swing at golf tourists



Twisted Dune Golf Club boasts a great layout and within driving distance of the city. COURTESY TWISTED DUNE GOLF CLUB

Beyond casinos. Luring players to the town's links is all part of a $30-million plan to showcase all this destination has to offer



BRIAN KENDALL
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Atlantic City is doubling down on golf.

Back when casinos along the famous Boardwalk were booming, the 20 public courses on this stretch of the south New Jersey coast went almost unnoticed. But the recession and stiff competition from dozens of new casinos throughout the U.S. northeast have slashed revenues and changed the city's tourism focus.

Golf and other non-gaming attractions such as shopping, dining, concerts and amusement parks are being heavily promoted as part of a $30-million 'DO AC' campaign.

The game's local roots date to the 1887 opening of the Atlantic City Country Club, which still ranks as the area's marquee course. Native grasses and tidal marshes define a classic layout originally designed by Willie Park Jr., the British Open champion in 1887 and 1889.

Six USGA championships have been played here, but the club's real claim to fame is as the birthplace of the golf term "birdie" in 1903. Frequent celebrity visitors have included Bob Hope, boxing champion Joe Louis and Arnold Palmer, who made it his home course while serving nearby in the Coast Guard in the 1950s.

Other top layouts within an easy drive of Atlantic City include Twisted Dune Golf Club, Shore Gate Golf Club, McCullough's Emerald Golf Links, Harbor Pines Golf Club, Sand Barrens Golf Club, Running Deer Golf Club and Blue Heron Pines Golf Club.

At the Vineyards, golfers play through the grounds of Renault Winery, established in 1864 and one of the oldest wineries in the United States.

And the fairways of Seaview Golf Resort's venerable Bay Course — the host of the LPGA Tour's Shop-Rite Classic and where Sam Snead famously won the 1942 PGA Championship — offer views across Reeds Bay of the casino towers of a city in transition.

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie has made revitalizing Atlantic City a key priority of his administration.

New parks, art installations and landscaping have been added throughout the downtown area, and the Boardwalk has been cleaned up and opened up by the casinos, some of which once tried to restrict access to the waterfront to keep customers inside.

Opened in 2012, the splashy highrise Revel Casino Hotel has dramatically altered the Atlantic City skyline. The $2.4-billion resort is home to a Las Vegas-style concert space featuring headliners such as Dionne Warwick, the Barenaked Ladies and Natalie Cole.

Gaming industry giant Golden Nugget Inc. has taken over management of the former Trump Marina Hotel Casino, pouring $150 million into renovations. And Caesars Entertainment Corp. is investing $150 million in a meeting and conference facility at its Harrah's Atlantic City location.

But perhaps the best news — apart from the new focus on golf, of course — was the return last September of the Miss America pageant after six years in archrival Las Vegas. The pageant, a local institution since 1920, is regarded as an important showcase for the recent civic improvements.

The odds on Atlantic City's recovery are looking better all the time.

For the family

Family-friendly options range from minigolf and paintball to the Atlantic City Aquarium. But a long-time local favourite is Steel Pier, an amusement park that juts into the ocean from the boardwalk and has more than 25 extreme rides. Opened in 1898, the park is undergoing a $100-million makeover.

Open air stays for the starry-eyed

Astronomer's delight. Sleeping in the open air has never been more luxe; check out these options around the world


Get the full star treatment at this penthouse suite at Las Ventanas al Paraiso in Mexico / AFP


Tswalu Kalahari perches you high above the ground. AFP

There's no time like a vacation for taking the time to contemplate the night sky, especially with a supermoon and Perseid meteors set to be visible in some places this month. If the idea of observing the celestial bodies as you drift off to sleep sounds appealing, this selection of hotels is for you.

Tswalu Kalahari
South Africa

This private game reserve, located in the South African desert, allows nature lovers to sleep while surrounded by the sounds of the bush, all while contemplating the night sky. Guests can sleep on a luxurious terrace built high above the ground to ensure protection from the occasional wild animal. Prices start at around $500 per night. For more information: tswalu.com

Albereta, Italy

The Cabriolet suite in this hotel, a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux network, allows guests to sleep under the stars thanks to its retractable roof. At the push of a button by the bed, the roof can be opened and closed as desired. Prices start at around $615. For more information: albereta.it

Amangiri, USA

Located in the desert of southern Utah, this resort boasts no less than six open-roof suites. Each is shielded from the wind by three walls and provides an unmatched view on the vast desert sky. These suites also have a pool, for those who enjoy midnight swims. Prices start at around $1,500. For more information: amanresorts.com/amangiri/home.aspx

Las Ventanas al Paraíso, Mexico

Each of the penthouse suites at this luxury hotel has a wide terrace where a king-size bed has been set up. Guests can begin their evening admiring the night sky from their outdoor bed and end it in the other bed inside, or just stay on the terrace to watch the sunrise. Prices start at around $1,600. For more information: rosewoodhotels.com

Elqui Domos, Chile

A reference among astronomy enthusiasts, this small hotel park invites travellers to stay inside one of several canvas domes. Each of these unusual dwellings contains a bed under a roof that opens partially to offer a view onto the heavens.

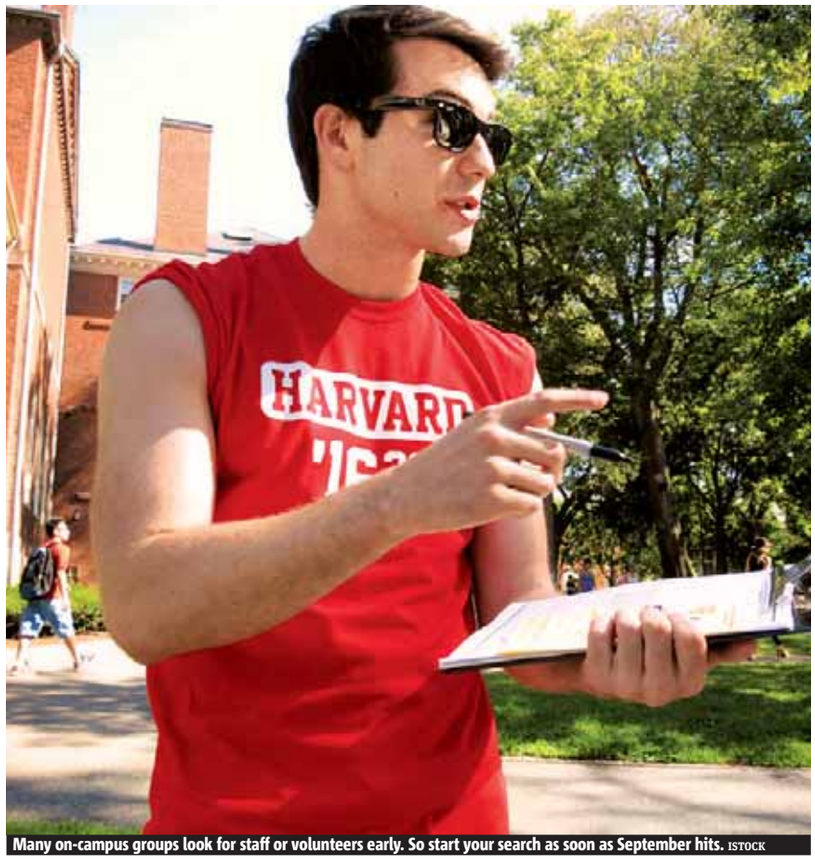
Far from the luxury of the above destinations, the domes are simple and sparsely furnished but provide all the basics. Stargazers will also appreciate the dedicated astronomy observatories located on site. Prices start at around $150. For more information: elquidomos.cl AFP



Connect with your campus between lectures and the lab

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Your on-campus involvement will help you get set for success once your schooling has come to an end

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Many on-campus groups look for staff or volunteers early. So start your search as soon as September hits. ISTOCK

You're only a college or university student for a few short years, then you are sent off into the wonderful world of work, work and more work.

Many students get so caught up in post-secondary education that they focus solely on classes and assignments, forgetting that this is a prime time to gain valuable experience that may help you land a job after graduation.

Why should you get involved? It's a great way to meet new people, network, and build your resumé. Here are some of the best ways to get involved on campus, wherever you are.

Check out your career centre

This is the optimal place to start. Most institutions have an on-campus career centre, which can help prepare an exceptional application, offer you job-hunt guidance and connect you with on-campus events.

Don't assume that the resources at the career centre are only for those close to graduation. There's value in connecting with the centre at every stage of your education and school-to-work transition.

Tip: A little intimidated? Make a list of some general goals you'd like your career centre to help you with. Then look for resources that match your interests.

Participate in clubs or associations

This is the best way for you to start getting involved, particularly if you're a new student (or a little reluctant to put yourself out there).

Finding a club that matches your interests or hobbies is a great way to meet new people and explore a personal passion.

Over time, you can move into a leadership role with your club, which can involve managing finances, organizing events and other activities that you can use as relevant professional experience when you're looking to land a job.

Tip: Can't find a club or group that interests you? Start your own. That's a great way to demonstrate initiative and leadership.

Join your student union

Your on-campus student union usually offers a number of ways for you to get involved. These opportunities can include part-time jobs, elected student positions and volunteer opportunities.

Roles in your student union often offer real responsibility — and empower you to make significant changes or improvements to existing practices, or develop entirely new projects.

This experience can be invaluable when you're preparing your resumé for the school-to-work transition.

Tip: Research where former student leaders from your school have gone after graduation. Reach out and ask them to share their insight. You'll likely find many of them used their student-union experience to land an entry-level job.

Connect with your school on social media

Don't underestimate the value of connecting with different departments, groups and offices at your school through Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

In many cases, these social media platforms are the first place you'll discover new opportunities on campus. You can't be everywhere at once, so letting the news come to you is a great way to stay informed.

Regular engagement with different groups on social media is also a great way to build connections to your school, which increases your visibility and exposure.

Tip: Keep things simple. Connect with the groups you're involved with or interested in, then look at the profiles and groups they connect with to start building your network.

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@EDSPowell
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Social media sit-down

Ready to be recruited.
Prepare for the points that are bound to be a part of this industry's interview

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Social media is a field with a lot to offer a recent grad or new professional.

While you may already have extensive skills using different social media platforms in your personal life, don't assume you can do well in an interview just by showing up.

Every organization has different goals and expectations of their social media presence, so it's impossible to predict exactly what kinds of questions you'll encounter in an interview.

However, there are a number of common topics that are almost certain to come up when you're interviewing for a role that involves social media. Planning to discuss these areas of your experience is a great way to get your interview prep started.

Savvy and swift

The ability to function under pressure is a key social media skill, so you'll need to be ready to produce polished work on the spot.

Your experience with different platforms

To be the in-house expert on social media, you'll need to demonstrate extensive knowledge of common platforms — and the skills to pick up new ones as needed.

Interviewers will often ask questions that pertain specifically to one platform or another, even posing specific scenarios related to social media use.

Personal use of social media is very different from business social media use. Make sure you research and understand the strategy involved with each platform, and be prepared to apply your knowledge to the employer's questions.

Your writing skills

Some interviewers will ask you to complete an onsite writing test, or request a writing sample as part of the screening process.

The ability to function under pressure is a key social media skill, so you'll need to be ready to produce polished work on the spot.

Make a strong impression during your interview by bringing some relevant writing samples you can provide as needed. If your work has been published online, this is a great way to underscore your past experience and success.

If you don't have any published work online, starting a blog or personal website to showcase your writing is a great way to get started.

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This recipe serves six. While the kabobs pictured here are skewered, this recipe works just as well when the meat is shaped into a "hot dog." The choice is yours. EMILY RICHARDS

On a skewer, in a bun, or dipped — it's up to you

Pack a picnic. Metro's week of helping you to dine outdoors continues with this very versatile take on Ground Beef Kabobs



DINNER EXPRESS
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Enjoy a fun picnic dinner with your family by making it less fussy and more simple to put together.

Using a few basic ingredients, you can take something that's old and tired, and change it up to become a new picnic favourite.

These kabobs are made with ground beef, but you can use any ground meat your family enjoys, including ground turkey, chicken, pork or veal.

FLASH FOOD



From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

If you are feeling a bit adventurous look for lean ground bison in local butchers to shake up your picnic recipe.

Get your kids to help out and shape the kabobs.

Whether they are served hot-dog style in a bun or straight up as meatballs, the best part is dipping them!

My kids like to leave the bun behind and dip in sauces or condiments you may already have.

Pick up mini potatoes, steam or boil them for about eight minutes just until they are tender, then put them on a kabob as well.

You can also roll the mixture into 24 meatballs and skewer onto small soaked wooden or metal skewers alternating with 18 grape tomatoes.

Other veggies that work well include two small zucchini, cut in chunks or 18 small gourmet button mushrooms. Either way, cook the kabobs as the recipe directs.

Kids and adults alike will love the versatility and simplicity of this recipe.

And don't forget dessert. With some fruit and perhaps a few marshmallows you can skewer up a sweet treat for the family.

Be sure to have some chocolate nearby if you want to dip into something a bit more sweet. Caramel, hot fudge or strawberry sauces will also match up perfectly.

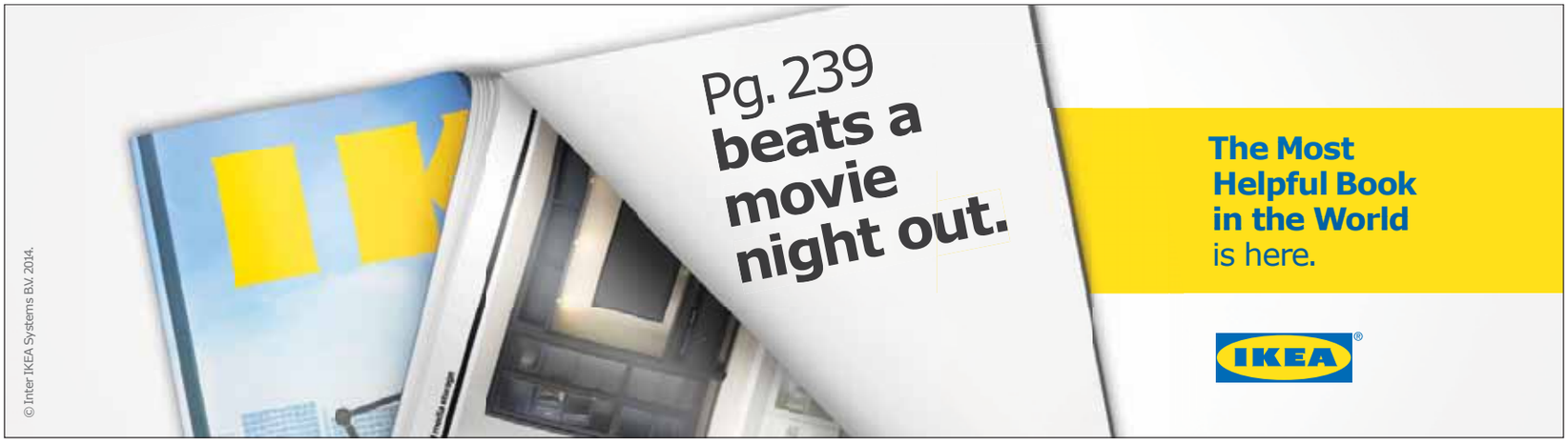
Ingredients

- 454 g (1 lb) extra lean ground beef
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped fresh coriander or parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cumin
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground pepper
- 8 small whole wheat hot dog buns

1. In large bowl combine beef, coriander, garlic, cumin, Worcestershire sauce, and pepper until well distributed.

2. Divide mixture into 6 and shape each into about a 10-cm (4-inch) hot-dog shape. Place on foil-lined baking sheet and bake in 190 C (375 F) oven for about 15 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

3. Place in small hot dog buns and wrap up to go.



Death of Kevin Ward Jr.

Stewart not yet in clear despite no criminal intent

Tony Stewart could still face criminal charges for running down Kevin Ward Jr. with his sprint car, even if the three-time NASCAR champion didn't mean to kill Ward, hurt him or even scare him.

Though initial findings of the investigation have turned up nothing that would indicate criminal intent in the crash, legal experts agree that does not mean Stewart is in the clear.

The NASCAR star could be charged with second-degree manslaughter under New York law if prosecutors believe he "recklessly caused the death of another person," with negligent homicide another possibility, according to criminal law professor Corey Rayburn Yung of the Kansas University School of Law.

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Compound fracture

Pacers: George to make full but long recovery

The Pacers expect Paul George to make a full recovery from the compound fracture in his right leg. They're just not expecting that to happen this season.

On Tuesday, 11 days after George's gruesome injury in a U.S. national team scrimmage, Larry Bird and Frank Vogel said doctors believe the two-time all-star can be his old self after a long recovery.

What the Pacers don't know yet is precisely how long that will be.

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Women's U20 World Cup

Canada advances to quarter-finals

Janine Beckie scored in the 65th minute and Canada held on the defeat North Korea 1-0 on Tuesday night to book a spot in the quarter-finals of the FIFA women's under-20 World Cup.

Canada finished group stage play with two wins and a loss for second place in Group A, setting up a match against Group B winner Germany in a quarter-final in Toronto on Saturday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Man hug rule No. 27: Embrace CR7 when he extends his arms

Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid celebrates with teammates James Rodriguez, Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema after scoring the opening goal in the 30th minute of the UEFA Super Cup between Real Madrid and Sevilla FC on Tuesday in Cardiff, Wales. Ronaldo scored again four minutes into the second half in Real Madrid's 2-1 win. Scan the image with your Metro News app for a gallery of action from around Europe. CLIVE MASON/GETTY IMAGES

$2B Clippers sale finally made official

In the books. California court confirms authority of Shelly Sterling to sell team

Steve Ballmer officially became the new owner of the Los Angeles Clippers on Tuesday for a record $2 billion.

The team said the sale closed after a California court confirmed the authority of Shelly Sterling, on behalf of the Sterling Family Trust, to sell the franchise to the former Microsoft CEO. Her estranged husband, Donald Sterling, had unsuccessfully fought the sale of the team he owned since 1981 in court.

The NBA Board of Governors had previously approved the sale.

"Really excited — in a pretty hardcore way — to continue the path to making the Clippers a better and better basketball team, and a better and better citizen of the Los Angeles community," Ballmer told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

Adam Streisand, Ballmer's lawyer, said Tuesday that Superior Court Judge Michael Levanas signed the order authorizing the sale even if Donald Sterling's attorneys filed an appeal.

"We were ready," Streisand said. "Within minutes, the deal was signed, sealed and delivered."

He said even if Donald Sterling seeks an emergency order directing the judge to vacate his order, the lawyer is confident an appellate court would agree that Levanas made the correct decision.

Donald Sterling's lawyers weren't immediately available to comment.

The sale ends some troubling concerns that had surrounded the team in recent months.

Doc Rivers would possibly have quit as coach if Sterling remained the owner, interim CEO Richard Parsons had testified. All-star point guard Chris Paul, who also is president of the Players Association, might have sat out and convinced other players to join him. Sponsors who already started to flee after a recording of Donald Sterling making racist comments was released might have stayed away for good.

None of that appears to be a problem with Ballmer taking over what could be a powerhouse team next season. By agreeing to the record purchase price, he's already proven he's willing to spend in contrast to the famously frugal Sterling.

"The topic of conversation with Doc earlier was to focus in on what does it take and how can I help support him in achieving our mutual mission and in a pretty intense way continue to improve, be tenacious," Ballmer said. "If we do all that, good things will come our way." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I am confident that Steve will bring the city a championship team in the very near future."

Clippers "owner emeritus" Shelly Sterling upon selling the team to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer

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2015 Nissan Leaf

- **Type:** Five-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback
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- **Transmission:** Automatic (single-speed gear reducer)
- **Base price:** $33,788

Market position

Designed to be an EV for both early adopters and mainstream compact car buyers. Unlike its competitors, the Leaf was designed from the ground up as an EV. It is now the global leader in EV sales, with a 45-per-cent market share.

Points

- Maximum range of 135 km on a full charge
- Eight-year/160,000-km battery warranty
- Some provincial subsidies available for EV purchase
- Charge time (zero to full) takes 20 hours at 110 volts, 4 hours at 220 volts
- Drives and feels like a conventional compact



As a five-door hatchback, the Leaf is a very practical compact car.

Safety features

Six airbags, ABS, traction and stability control, tire-pressure monitoring system, anti-theft engine immobilizer, rear-view monitor, available 360-degree monitor.

Sowing the seeds of doubt

PHOTOS: MIKE GOETZ



Review. Nissan Leaf EV may seem futuristic, but it looks, handles and is starting to sell like a regular small car

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A lot of folks, on both sides of the consumer/automaker fence, don't think this electric-vehicle thing has legs.

Many automakers are sending mixed messages. Toyota has even announced that it's done selling pure EVs.

But you know what? New models keep showing up. The number of people buying and considering them is rising (slowly, yes, but definitely rising). And EVs remain one of the few surefire ways for automakers to achieve the very strict fuel-efficiency regulations coming down the pike in the U.S.

Net result: EVs have put down serious roots. So it's time to think of them as less of a novelty and more as just another alternative that may or may not fit your lifestyle.

In the compact or midsize categories, the EV that should be at the top of your consideration list is the Nissan Leaf, first introduced in 2011.

With the Leaf, Nissan went out of its way to make non-believers comfortable, with a modern (but not too space-shippy) exterior, and ride and handling characteristics similar to what compact car drivers are used to.

Along the way, the company added a new, lower-priced base model and reduced prices across the board by $3,000. It also gave the Leaf a faster charger, which reduced 220-volt charge time to five hours from seven.



Drivers can use their smartphone to turn on the AC or set charging functions.

It took awhile to gain traction, but Nissan has now sold more than 125,000 Leafs around the world and is on pace to sell about 100 a month in Canada, where Quebec is the best market by far. Alberta? Not so much.

While recently testing a 2015 model, I was again reminded how normal this car feels. The only thing that separates it from similar gas-powered hatchbacks is its silent running and above-average acceleration. The electric motor offers the equivalent of 107 horsepower, but the instant and full torque of electric propulsion translates into good jump whenever you hammer the go-pedal.

EVs are pioneers in telematics, and the Leaf is no exception. Drivers can use the Internet or a smartphone to control air conditioning, set charging functions, and access data like the charge status of their rides.

Like the Leaf itself, it's the future.

Compare



1 Ford Focus Electric
Base price: $34,407
Most direct competitor to the Leaf. Solid performer, but a slow seller so far.



2 Mitsubishi i-MiEV
Base price: $29,698
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3 BMW i3
Base price: $47,768
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DRIVE

Don't even think about driving here

Lewis Hamilton may be able to handle hairpin turns and heavy traffic in Formula One racing, but pit him against Don't Drive Here's gonzo host Andrew Younghusband in the rush-hour bedlam of Port-au-Prince and our money is on the Discovery Channel's wheel man. Fill up on pulse-racing peril and congestion pandemonium on the wildest streets on the planet as Season 2 gets in gear Aug. 18 at 10 p.m. ET/PT

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AUGMENTED REALITY

→ Crazy commute. Scan this photo with your Metro News app for a video trailer of Don't Drive Here's second season, in which Andrew Younghusband tests his skills on the hectic streets of six busy cities around the world.

→ See the full instructions on Metro's Voices page.



The aptly named Death Road is just as ominous as it sounds.

La Paz, Bolivia

If they filmed a sequel to the Nic Cage action thriller Drive Angry here, it would be called Drive Breathless. In this city, perched nearly 12,000 feet above sea level, prepare your lungs for some high-altitude driving. "It's the most hilly city I've ever been in. Everything is just up and down — there's no level surface," says Younghusband.

Tip: Beware of Death Road, an hour-and-a-half outside the city and as ominous as it sounds. It's a road chiselled into a cliff with no guardrail that slims down to only one lane quite often. "If you meet a vehicle going the opposite direction, one of you has to back up or else fall off the edge."

Rome, Italy

Those ancient cobblestone streets may add ambience on romantic strolls but they cause bone-rattling havoc for scooters and an uncomfortable ride for motorists. Their surface area is tough for your tires to grip, so cornering isn't exactly amore.

Tips: "Recognize that nobody cares about the rules," warns Younghusband.

"People are going to cut you off and pass you in ways you may perceive to be illegal but they're not going to get in trouble for it. That's just the cultural driving style."

Also, don't panic if a driver threatens you with a derogatory hand gesture. "If someone shakes their first at you, just shake your fist back."



Fender benders are common in Rome, where it's legal to drive as young as 14. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Sao Paolo, Brazil

Brazil's most populous city is teeming with an estimated 700,000 moto-boys. These lane-splitting, throttle-jockey couriers drive 100 km/h on the white lines between car traffic going 50 km/h. The risky occupation results in about two fatalities a day.

Tips: "Listening is key," explains Younghusband. "Before the motorcycles pass anyone, they honk. So, if someone is about to pass you, they're going to beep their horn, and if you change lanes at that moment, you might kill a motorcyclist." Also you may want to forgo blindspot checks. "Traffic can stop so suddenly that if you do a shoulder check, the car in front of you may use that instant to stop and you may rear-end them."

Blindspot surprise: Catadores, massive man-pulled carts, are allowed on every road.

Ho Chi Minh City

This manner-minding Vietnamese city is motorbike mad, with more than 5 million two-wheelers. "I was in a massive roundabout that had well over 5,000 scooters and there was zero road rage," says Younghusband. "I didn't get yelled at or honked at or shouted at once in an entire week. They are the friendliest people, and the driving culture is amazing as a result."

Tips: "Make absolutely no sudden movements. People can blindfold themselves and walk across the road with pedestrians, and do it so smoothly that traffic just goes around them. Just be smooth, be smooth, be smooth, and you'll be fine in Ho Chi Minh City."

Lesson learned: "Balance. I thought I was okay on two wheels, until I had to deliver 1,600 eggs and bagged tropical fish on a scooter."

Port-au-Prince

Port-au-Prince, Haiti is the subject of frequent travel warnings by the Canadian and U.S. governments, for good reason.

Aside from the high crime rate, rubble from the devastating 2010 earthquake is still all over the sidewalks, bringing pedestrians and commerce into the roadways.

Tips: "Stop driving," warns Younghusband, only half joking. "Get a taxi to the airport and leave. There is absolute lawlessness, chaos, danger and mayhem."

"Being a motorcycle taxi driver was terrifying. Being a small-bus driver was terrifying. Being a large-bus driver was terrifying. They have every law in the books but are any of them enforced? No, zero. Everything goes, from no traffic lights or traffic cops to first-come, first-serve at intersections — it's just chaos."



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Seal your driveway's future with a DIY top-up

Driving Force. Forget the shady contractors; a quick and easy coat of sealant can help prevent cracking and fading

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Although some people prefer hiring a contractor, sealing your driveway is a fairly simple job to do yourself. CONTRIBUTED

A well-kept driveway will affect the appearance and possibly even the value of your house, but asphalt doesn't last forever. Water, salt, and leaking vehicle fluids can cause your driveway to crack, fade or soften over time.

Sealing your driveway can help prevent these problems, but many people are hesitant because they've heard horror stories about unscrupulous contractors.

"It's a preventative measure to maintain your property, the same way that you'd maintain your car or another part of your home," says Desmond Brown, a Royal LePage real estate salesperson and consultant for Canadian Tire. "When you see cracks, you have to get to them fairly quickly to stop the water from getting in."

There are several types of sealers available, most of which are an emulsion of different ingredients that can include polymers, refined coal tar, asphalt, clay, or sand. Although some people prefer having it professionally installed, it's a relatively simple do-it-yourself job.

As with any type of coating, the quality of the finished job depends on how well the surface is prepped. Use a broom to sweep away debris, and remove any weeds that have grown through the cracks. If there are stains on the asphalt, use degreaser to lift them off, and wash the driveway, preferably with a pressure washer.

The sealant will fill very shallow cracks, but deeper ones should be packed and levelled off with a crack filler. Rubberized fillers are flexible and better able to withstand stress when the driveway expands or contracts with temperature changes.

Once the driveway is prepped, the sealer can be applied, which should be done on a dry day. Tackling one section at a time, pour sealer onto the surface and then spread it evenly with a roller. Allow it to dry and cure according to the directions.

If you do get a professional to seal the surface, take the same care you would when hiring any other contractor, Brown says. This means not simply saying "yes" when someone knocks on the door and says he has some leftover sealer from a nearby job and will spread it on your driveway at a bargain price.

"If they're doing a job down the street, go down and look at that job," Brown says. "Look at other jobs they've done, not just recently, but a year or two back, and see how their work has held up.

"Be very cautious; you have no idea who they are. Their product may be inferior, or diluted, or they're trying to spread it as thin as possible. There are enough contractors out there who are reputable and will supply you with clients they've dealt with before you hire them."

Sealing the deal

- Concrete and interlocking brick driveways can also be sealed to help maintain them, either professionally or as a do-it-yourself job.
- Sealants and fillers can vary in quality and longevity, so be sure you know what you're buying.
- How long the sealant lasts depends on several factors, but it should be done again when the colour starts to fade, or you notice small cracks.
- If a driveway is too cracked or is crumbling, sealing won't help, and it needs to be repaved.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
When talking with others today steer clear of emotional and controversial topics. The more people get worked up about what they believe, the more you should keep your distance.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you find yourself torn between loved ones and work today the best thing to do is to make a decision and stick to it. You can't please everyone.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The planets will help you make the break you have been dreaming of, the effort must come from you. If you don't make that move now, when will you make it?

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may lose your temper with someone who lets you down and they deserve it. Don't feel guilty if you go over the top because that seems to be the only language they understand.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Disruption is likely but the good news is you'll have the energy you need to deal with it. Stop feeling sorry for yourself and start making things happen.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't worry if you fall out with someone, because you'll be friends again before you know it. Everything seems more important than it actually is.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are unlikely to be tactful with people whose views and opinions you disagree with but that's OK because you are as entitled to your viewpoint as they are to theirs.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have a rep for keeping your head in difficult situations and it's a reputation that will be called on today. Whatever it is that excites other people, it won't move you in the slightest.

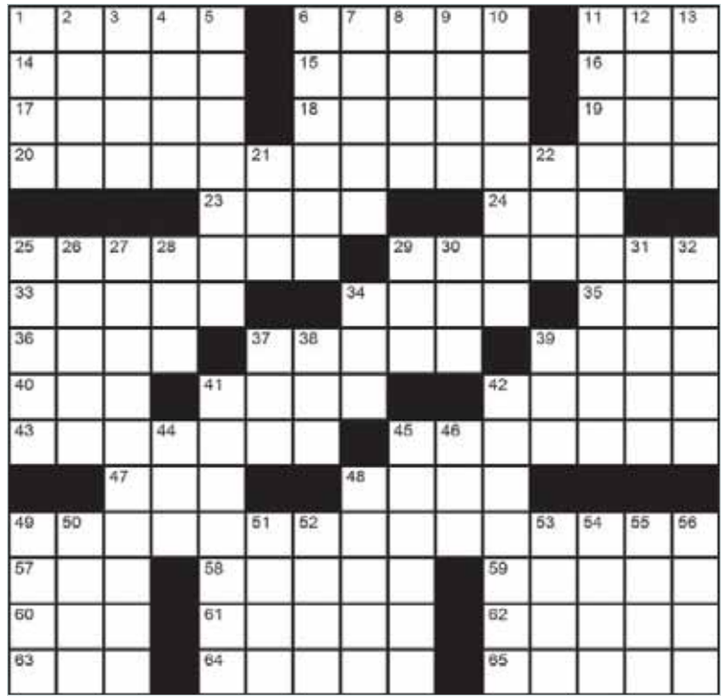
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A crisis has almost reached breaking point and what happens today and tomorrow will take it over the top. If a relationship is on the slide don't waste time trying to save it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will clash with someone over money today. Your instinct will be to fight to get back what is yours but after a while you may come to the conclusion that it's not worth the effort.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Others may be rushing around but you don't have to follow their lead. It's meaningless activity, designed to make lazy people look busy. Stay focused.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Some things are worth fighting about, others aren't. Over the next few days get serious about where you draw the line.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



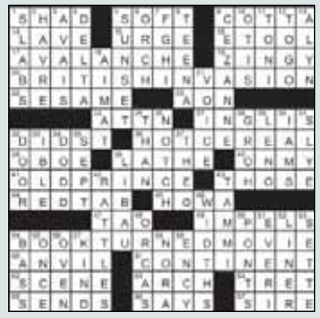
Across

1. "Shopgirl" (2005) director, __ Tucker
6. Potpourri piece
11. 'Inc.' cousin
14. Canadian band, with Blue
15. Oft-quoted phrase
16. "Just as I thought!"
17. "The _ __" by Ed Sheeran
18. Mature, as a mango
19. Besmirch
20. Feminist icon whose activism resulted in Quebec women getting the right to vote in 1940: 2 wds.
23. Isn't able
24. Post-op locale
25. Miss Universe Canada, for one
29. "Do you __ __ tell the truth..."
33. More maladied
34. Pump points
35. James __ (Smashing Pumpkins co-founder)
36. Fibber
37. Nautical "Stop!"
39. Poker 'bullets'
40. Washboard muscles, commonly
41. Wild goat
42. Nero's 1008
43. __ stockings
45. Rapacious seabirds
47. 'Horri' or 'Terri' suffix
48. __-_-tat-tat
49. Product by #48-Down: 3 wds.
57. Simon & Garfunkel
58. __ Baggins (The Hobbit character)
59. Outlandish
60. "The Wonder Years" actress, Olivia d'__
61. "I'm a Believer" part: "What's the __ __ trying..."
62. Salary increase
63. Sea: French
64. Mr. Penn
65. Show ticket, informally

Down

1. "I smell _ __!" (Something's fishy!)
2. Actor, Chris __
3. "Zip-_-__-Doo-Dah"
4. So __, yet so far away
5. VIA Rail seating area with fantastic views: 2 wds.
6. Nanny needer
7. Proclamation
8. Spanish appetizer
9. Musical, Rock of __
10. Vanessa __, Montreal-born actress
11. __ __ National Park, in the Laurentians, in Quebec
12. Noodle dish, Pad __
13. "Oh, __ it!"
21. Diego's partner
22. TV brand
25. Rice dish
26. Suspect's story
27. The Glacier Skywalk observation platform in Jasper National Park has a what?: 2 wds.
28. 'Pamphlet' suffix
29. Emergency message
30. Soaking
31. Our opposite
32. Noel and Liam's band
34. Sales __
37. Mr. Vigoda
38. Verify
39. Standard stat.
41. "Drive" band from Calabasas, California
42. Ontario: Georgian Bay municipality
44. Trendy
45. Mr. Bateman's
46. Took in
48. __ Hood (Canadian baking brand, since 1909)
49. "__-12" (Vintage TV show)
50. Car mechanic's job
51. Get up
52. Entreaty
53. Lei-wearer's party
54. Ear-related
55. Bear in Space
56. Jackie Wilson's "__ Petite"

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	5			2			8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

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